

# **MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM**

## **AMERICORPS FUNDING WEBINAR KEY POINTS**

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### **1. Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Priority Focus Areas:**

- a. Disaster Services
- b. Economic Opportunity
- c. Education
- d. Environmental Stewardship
- e. Healthy Futures
- f. Veterans & Military Families

**2. Key Elements for AmeriCorps Programs—the Big 4:** Unmet community need in national priority funding area, engagement of AmeriCorps members in direct human and/or environmental service, measurable and attainable community outcomes within the AmeriCorps term of service, and transformational service experience for AmeriCorps members

**3. Types of Programs Funded:** Various, including rural youth conservation corps, urban teacher corps, inter-generational programs; program model is based on identified local community need

**4. Who's Eligible to Apply?** Nonprofit and government organizations; must provide direct services to citizens/environment; must address CNCS focus areas and national performance measures; must not engage in lobbying or receive other CNCS funds for the same project

**5. GOSV Grant Cycles:** Fall (national competitive) and spring (state formula)

**6. Types of Formula Grants:** Program and planning

**7. Estimated Total Program Funding:** In the most recent funding cycle, program grants ranged from \$133,000 to \$686,000; planning grants may not exceed \$25,000. The GOSV typically receives more than twice as much in requests as funds available.

**8. Matching Funds Required:** Minimum 24% cash or in-kind

**9. Prohibited Activities (for AmeriCorps members, staff, and volunteers):** Political advocacy and religious instruction; limits on fundraising and clerical support

**10. How to Apply for a Program Grant?** You must first submit a Concept Paper in order to be invited to apply. The next deadline to submit a Concept Paper for a national competitive grant will be in early October for the 2013-2014 grant year. Deadlines will be published on the Calendar at [www.GOSV.maryland.gov](http://www.GOSV.maryland.gov).

**11. How to Apply for a Planning Grant?** Submit a planning grant application by April 13, 2012.

**12. Resources:** Find Concept Paper and planning grant instructions, calendar of events and grant deadlines, sample materials, staff contacts, and information on GOSV volunteer recognition at [www.GOSV.maryland.gov](http://www.GOSV.maryland.gov). Find information on CNCS focus areas and national performance measures at [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).